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No.	Page	Line #	Comment	ICF Response
1	4-21	13-16	This sentence provides a very short explanation for application of Early Long-Term model results, which relies on the basis that there would not be a 50-year permit. However, this alternative is for an indefinite period. Therefore, the discussion should also explain what model results or qualitative discussions are being used to describe the impacts of this alternative for an indefinite period or refer to any other analysis in the EIS that describes the impacts of this alternative past the Early Long-Term, which is described as approximately 15 years after project approval.	
2	4-21 throu gh 4- 92	Throu hout sectio n 4.2	Throughout section 4.2, the No Action Alternative is described as the “No Action ELT”, “No Action Alternative ELT”, “No Action Alternative early long-term, or “No Action Alternative (ELT).” However, as discussed in the preceding comment, this alternative is for an indefinite period. Therefore, the discussion should explain the impacts of this alternative for an indefinite period or refer to any other analysis in the EIS that describes the impacts of this alternative past the Early Long-Term, which is described as approximately 15 years after project approval.	
3	4-36	24	The phrase, “Changes in Delta Groundwater Levels”, at the beginning of the sentence that starts on this line appears to be a heading for the paragraph. If so, set this phrase off as a heading. If not, delete it, because it does not fit with the rest of the sentence.	
4	4-36	32	The phrase, “Changes in Delta Groundwater Quality”, at the beginning of the sentence that starts on this line appears to be a heading for the paragraph. If so, set this phrase off as a heading. If not, delete it, because it does not fit with the rest of the sentence.	
5	4-36	38	The phrase, “Changes in Delta Agricultural Drainage”, at the beginning of the sentence that starts on this line appears to be a heading for the paragraph. If so, set this phrase off as a heading. If not, delete it, because it does not fit with the rest of the sentence.	
6	4-38	11	The phrase, “Other Portions of the Export Service Areas”, at the beginning of the sentence that starts	

			on this line appears to be a heading for the paragraph. If so, set this phrase off as a heading. If not, delete it, because it does not fit with the rest of the sentence.	
7	4-52	2-3	The phrase, "Impact WQ-15: Effects on Nitrate Concentrations Resulting from Facilities Operations and Maintenance", appears to be a heading for subsequent paragraphs. Set this phrase off as a heading.	
8	4-56	12	Add "be" before "similar".	
9	4-56	20	The sentence that ends on this line compares the impacts of the No Action Alternative (ELT) to the impacts of the No Action Alternative, which makes no sense without reference to where the relevant impacts of the No Action Alternative are described. Based on the discussion in the rest of this paragraph and similar discussions in surrounding subsections, this sentence was apparently intended to refer to the impacts of the No Action Alternative as described in some other specific section of the EIS. If so, revise this sentence accordingly.	
10	4-60	35	Change "VP" to "CVP".	
11	4-93	32-33	The sentence on these lines concludes, "Delta outflow under Alternative 4A would likely decrease or remain similar compared to the conditions without the project." However, the basis for this conclusion is unclear given the discussion in the preceding paragraphs of this subsection, which discusses how outflow would increase, decrease, or remain similar depending on the season. Explain the basis for the overall conclusion on these lines.	
12	4-100	4	This line should apparently refer to Alternative 4A rather than Alternative 4.	
13	4-104	11	Delete "remain".	
14	4-108 to 4-111	Throughout section 4.3.3	Conclusions throughout section 4.3.3 are based on discussion of impacts in the ELT. However, this alternative is for an indefinite period. Therefore, the discussion should explain the impacts of this alternative for an indefinite period or refer to any other analysis in the EIS that describes the impacts of this alternative past the Early Long-Term.	
15	4-108 to 4-109	Page 4-108, line 35 to page 4-109, line 17	There are a number of sentences that provide, "See Impact . . . under Alternative 4 construction activities under Alternative 4A would be identical to those under Alternative 4." These sentences do not make sense. Revise these sentences in order to make sense.	
16	4-109	22-24, 27-29	Similar to the preceding comment, the sentences on these lines do not make sense. Revise these	

			sentences in order to make sense.	
17	4-110	7-9	The sentence on these lines does not make sense. Revise this sentence in order to make sense.	
18	4-111	32-34	Separate the text from the heading and place periods as appropriate.	
19	4-111 to 4-165	Throughout section 4.3.4	Conclusions throughout section 4.3.4 are based on discussion of impacts in the ELT. However, this alternative is for an indefinite period. Therefore, the discussion should explain the impacts of this alternative for an indefinite period or refer to any other analysis in the EIS that describes the impacts of this alternative past the Early Long-Term.	
20	4-190	23-27	The two sentences that occur on lines 23-27 are incorrect, because they are based on the assumption that this alternative is limited to a period similar to the ELT. This alternative is for an indefinite period. Revise these sentences accordingly.	
21	4-191	6-19	The Environmental Commitments listed on these lines do not match the conservation measures listed in the draft Biological Assessment. Revise the list here and/or in the draft Biological Assessment to be consistent.	
22	4-191	25-28	Given that Alternative 4A is for an indefinite period, explain why it is assumed that the modeling conducted for the various <i>BDCP Effects Analysis</i> scenarios in the ELT time frame (i.e., NAA_ELT, H3_ELT, and H4_ELT) is representative of operations and resulting Delta conditions under Alternative 4A, explain the impacts of this alternative for an indefinite period, or refer to any other analysis in the EIS that describes the impacts of this alternative past the Early Long-Term.	
23	4-373	29-30	The sentence on these lines provides, "The potential effects of construction of the water conveyance facilities on steelhead would be the same as described for Alternative 4A (Impact AQUA-91)." This sentence does not make sense given that it is within a discussion of Alternative 4A and the potential effects of construction of the water conveyance facilities on steelhead. Revise the sentence accordingly.	
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